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The Soviet electronics industry produced an estimated total of 3,500,000 radio receivers and 550,000 television receivers for civilian consumption during 1955. 1/

Published Plan figures indicate a 1960 production goal of 10,200,000 receivers annually, including 7,700,000 radios and 2,500,000 television sets. 2/ In view of major facility expansions for components, either underway or proposed, the Soviet industry can meet this goal provided other demands for electronic products are maintained in proportion.

Civilian radio and television receivers accounted for 11 percent of the total electronics industry output during 1955. By comparison, these products in the US provided about 26 percent of total 1955 electronics production. By 1960, it is estimated that the Soviet electronics industry will reach an annual product value of 38 billion rubles, of which civilian receivers will account for 12 percent.* 3/

Despite this very considerable proposed increase in consumer goods, Soviet planners apparently have anticipated no appreciable reduction in the percentage share of electronics required for military and other essential applications.

* Average factory prices of Soviet receivers: radios, 210 rubles; television sets 200 rubles.

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